



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

RITTER et al.

Appln. No.: New Application Examiner: Unassigned

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TITLE: PAYMENT TRANSACTION METHOD AND TRANSACTION SYSTEM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Entry and consideration of the following amendments in the above-identified application are requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, change "one of the claims 1 or 2" to --claim 1--.

Claim 4, Zine 1, change "one of the claims 1 to 3" to

--claim 1--.

Claim 5 / line 1, change "one of the claims 1 to 4" to --claim 1--.